

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of manufacturing an electronic device comprising the steps of:
 - a. providing a first substantially planar panel including a display and having a first side edge and a second side edge;
 - b. hingedly coupling a second substantially planar panel selected from a first set of panels to the first side edge of the first substantially planar panel, the second panel including a first interface; and
 - c. hingedly coupling a third substantially planar panel selected from a second set of panels to the second side edge of the first panel, the third panel including a second interface,such that when the device is in a first position the first interface and the second interface are obscured and when the device is in a second position the first interface and the second interface are exposed and further wherein an operator can selectively access the first interface alone, the second interface alone, and both the first interface and the second interface when the device is in the second position.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of operatively coupling the first panel to the second panel and the third panel, wherein the first panel, the second panel, and the third panel are configured to exchange electronic data signals and further wherein when the device is configured in the first position, no interface controls the display and when the device is configured in the second position the display is selectively controllable by the first interface alone, the second interface alone, and both the first interface and the second interface.

- 1 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set
2 of panels and one selected from the second set of panels, configures the electronic device
3 to operate as a gamer device.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set
2 of panels and one selected from the second set of panels, configures the electronic device
3 to operate as a music listening device.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set
2 of panels and one selected from the second set of panels, collectively forms a keyboard
3 panel.
- 1 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set
2 of panels and one selected from the second set of panels, collectively forms a gaming
3 panel.
- 1 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set
2 of panels and one selected from the second set of panels, collectively forms a PDA panel.
- 1 8. The method according to claim 1, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set
2 of panels and one selected from the second set of panels, configures the electronic device
3 to operate as a personal entertainment device.
- 1 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the device further comprises a third interface.
- 1 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the second panel further includes the third
2 interface.

1 11. The method according to claim 9, wherein when the device is configured in one of the
2 first position and the second position, the third interface is exposed.

1 12. The method according to claim 9, wherein when the device is configured in the first
2 position, the third interface controls the display.

1 13. A kit to assemble an electronic device, the kit comprising:
2 a. a first substantially planar panel, the first panel including a display and having a
3 first side edge and a second side edge;
4 b. a second substantially planar panel selected from a first set of panels, the second
5 panel including a first interface and configured to be hingedly coupled to the first
6 side edge of the first panel; and
7 c. a third substantially planar panel selected from a second set of panels, the third
8 panel including a second interface and configured to be hingedly coupled to the
9 second side edge of the first panel,

10 such that when the device is in a first position the first interface and the second interface are
11 obscured and when the device is in a second position the first interface and the second interface
12 are exposed and further wherein an operator can selectively access the first interface alone, the
13 second interface alone, and both the first interface and the second interface when the device is in
14 the second position.

1 14. The kit according to claim 13, wherein the first panel is configured to be operatively
2 coupled to both the second panel and the third panel, wherein the first panel, the second
3 panel, and the third panel are configured to exchange electronic data signals, and further
4 wherein when the device is configured in the first position, no interface controls the
5 display and when the device is configured in the second position the display is selectively

6 controllable by the first interface alone, the second interface alone, and both the first
7 interface and the second interface.

1 15. The kit according to claim 13, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set of
2 panels and one selected from the second set of panels, configures the electronic device to
3 operate as a gamer device.

1 16. The kit according to claim 13, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set of
2 panels and one selected from the second set of panels, configures the electronic device to
3 operate as a music listening device.

1 17. The kit according to claim 13, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set of
2 panels and one selected from the second set of panels, is configured to collectively form a
3 keyboard panel.

1 18. The kit according to claim 13, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set of
2 panels and one selected from the second set of panels, is configured to collectively form a
3 PDA panel.

1 19. The kit according to claim 13, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set of
2 panels and one selected from the second set of panels, is configured to collectively form a
3 gaming panel.

1 20. The kit according to claim 13, wherein a pair of panels, one selected from the first set of
2 panels and one selected from the second set of panels, configures the electronic device to
3 operate as a personal entertainment device.

- 1 21. The kit according to claim 13, wherein the device further comprises a third interface.
- 1 22. The kit according to claim 21, wherein the second panel further includes the third
2 interface.
- 1 23. The kit according to claim 21, wherein when the device is configured in one of the first
2 position and the second position, the third interface is exposed.
- 1 24. The kit according to claim 21, wherein when the device is configured in the first position,
2 the third interface controls the display.